conceived decades ago could not become commercially operational because a synchronus operation of two AC systems was not possible ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The National Power Grid is in the process of development with the continued augmentation of Extra High Voltage lines and creation|strengthening of the Inter-State and Inter-Regional transmission Links and load despatch facilities. With the setting up of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in October, 1989 the realisation of national grid will be accelerated. Suitable AC|HVDC inter-regional links are being set up alongwith control facilities to progressively realise a fully integrated National grid.

Power-proposal pending for clearance in Andhra Pradesh

1002. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any proposals for power-plants in Andhra Pradesh pending for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the stage of their consideration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (c) The following proposals for power plants in Andhra Pradesh are amongst the projects being examined for techno-economic clearance in Central Electricity Authority :—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Remarks
1.	Jegurupadu Gas Based Comb. Cycle plant by M/s. GVK Industries, Hyderabad (T)	172	Proposal was, earlier cleared in principle by CEA on 14-3-1991 in State Sector. Revised scheme for 172 MW capacity in the Pvt. Sector received from M/s. GVK Industries as a Generating Company was examined in CEA and found acceptable in principle.
2.	Godavari GTCC (T) (Pvt. Sector)— M/s. Spectrum Power Generator Ltd. (SPGL)	198	Originally scheme was cleared for 400 MW capacity on 25-7-1990 for execution by NTPC. However, revised scheme for 198 MW for execution in Pvt. Sector has been received in CEA on 1/93. In principle clearance conveyed to SPGL, NTPC, APSEB and A.P. Govt. on 7-4-1993.
3.	Rayalaseema TPS Stage-II at Muddanur (T)	2×210—420	Water availability from Centre, Env. clearance from Centre, State, trans. system, ash management plan are not confirmed.

4. Kothagudam (T) Stage-V (Unit 9 & 10)	2×250—500	Env. clearance (Centre and State), water availability (Centre and State), trans. system, ash management plan are amongst the clearances not confirmed. Compliance of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and environmental and forest clearance are awaited.

OECF Financing of Country's Power Projects

1003. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a team of OECF (Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund) Japan has visited India and held discusions with Government regarding extension of financial assistance to power projects in central sector, in April, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details of the projects OECF has agreed to finance;

(c) whether NTPC pose the Kayamkulam Power Project for OECF's financing and convince them about the feasibility of rail transportation/shipment of coal for the project on which their agreement to finance the project mainly depends;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Japanese Government and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan are appraising the power projects posed to them for financial assistance by the Government of India for the year 1993-94. Among the projects posed is Kayamkulam TPS project of NTPC. No communication has been received from OECF or the Government of Japan regarding grant of financial assistance for any project.

Joint Ventures of NTPC with Private Sector

1004. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to enter into joint ventures of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) with private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such joint venture projects have already been finalised, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what kind of format in terms of structure will there be for such joint ventures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Thermal Power